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SUBJECT: CIEC WORK PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 181094. (B) EC BRUSSELS 7187

1. ON JULY 22 ECON COUNSELOR CONVEYED THE POINTS IN
REF A TO JOHN MASON, ASST. UNDER SECRETARY IN THE FCO.
MASON SAID HE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER US
POSITION. HE ALSO APPLAUDED ITS TIMELINESS, IN THAT
(SEE REF B) THE COMMUNITY WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS
SUBJECT NEXT WEEK. (MASON EXPLAINED THAT THE "STATE
SECRETARY" MEETING REFERRED TO IN PARA 8 OF REF B WILL
BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE JULY 27 FOREIGN
MINISTERS COUNCIL.) MASON HIMSELF WILL BE TRAVELLING
TO BRUSSELS AND THE HAQUE JULY 23 TO SOUND OUT COM-
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MISSION AND PRESIDENCY VIEWS.

2. MASON PREDICTED THAT THE UK WILL URGE A LINE IDENTICAL TO THE ONE SET FORTH IN REFTEL. AT MOST, HE SAID, THE G-8 SHOULD AGREE TO RESUME DRAFTING OF AGREED LANGUAGE. THIS LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT EMBODY SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS. CONCESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER ON THE ISSUES THAT ARE NOW OUTSTANDING WOULD ONLY LEAD THE G-19 TO MAKE OTHER DEMANDS. IN MASON'S VIEW, THE 19 MAY DECIDE TO RETURN TO THE DRAFTING TABLE SINCE, FOR THE MOMENT, CIEC IS THE ONLY FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THE DEBT ISSUE.

3. MASON SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR THE G-8 TO GET TOGETHER IN PARIS EARLY IN AUGUST, TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION PARTICULARLY ON G-19 ATTITUDES, AND TO COORDINATE THE DC POSITION.

4. FINANCIAL ATTACHE IS MAKING PARALLEL APPROACH TO HM TREASURY.

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